

her to cross the Missouri River at this point and travel over the public roads outside of the Indian reservation, in consequence of which she was very hostile towards me and wrote several letters to different parties in condemnation of my course and action.

While here she bestowed presents upon Sitting Bull considerable being money which had a demoralizing effect upon him, inflating him with his importance.

After her departure she kept up a correspondence with Sitting Bull until early last spring when she returned and located on the north bank of the Cannon Ball River just outside of this reservation and about 25 miles north of the Agency.

Sitting Bull has been a frequent visitor to her house and has grown more insolent and worthless with every visit he has made there her lavish expenditure of money and other gifts upon him enabling him to give frequent feasts and hold councils thus perpetuating the old time customs amongst the Indians and engrafting with their superstitious nature this additional absurdity of the "New Messiah" and "Return of the Ghosts" and in this coming Sitting Bull whose former influence and power being so undermined and tenure so uncertain asserts himself as "High Priest" here and like a drowning man grasping at a straw is working upon the credulity of the Superstitious and ignorant Indians and reaping a rich harvest of popularity which with Mrs. Weldon's affection and numerous gifts he is doubtless self satisfied.

On Thursday the 9th inst. upon an invitation from Sitting Bull an Indian named Kicking Bear belonging to the Cheyenne River Agency, the Chief Medicine Man of the Ghost Dance among the Sioux arrived at Sitting Bull's camp, on Grand River 40 miles South of this Agency to inaugurate a Ghost Dance, and initiate the members upon hearing of his arrival they sent a detachment of 13 Police men including the Captain and 2nd Lieut. to arrest and escort him from the reservation but they returned without executing the order both officers being in a "dazed" condition and fearing the powers of Kicking Bears Medicine several members of the force tried to induce the officers to permit them to make the arrest but the latter would not allow it but simply told Sitting Bull that it was the Agents orders that Kicking Bear and his 6 companions should leave the reservation and return to their Agency.

Sitting Bull was very insolent to the officers and made some threats against certain members of the force but said that the visitors would leave the following day.

Upon the return of the detachment to the Agency on Tuesday, the 14th I immediately sent the Lieutenant and one man back to see whether the party had left or not and to notify Sitting Bull that his insolence and bad behavior would not be tolerated longer and that the "Ghost Dance" must not be continued the Lieutenant returned yesterday and reported that the party had not started back to Cheyenne before his arrival there on the morning of the 15th inst. but left immediately upon his ordering them to do so, and that Sitting Bull told him that he was determined to continue the "Ghost Dance" as the Great Spirit had sent a direct message by Kicking Bear that to live they must do so, but that he would not have any more dancing until after he had come to the Agency and talked matters over with me, but the news comes in this morning that they are dancing again and it is participated in by a great many Indians who become silly and like men intoxicated over the Excitement.

The dance is demoralizing indecent and disgusting desiring to exhaust all reasonable means, before resorting to extremes I have sent a Message to Sitting Bull by his nephew One Bull that I want to see him at the Agency, and I feel confident that I shall succeed in allaying the present excitement and put a stop to this Absurd "Craze" for the present - at least but I would respectfully recommend the removal from the reservation and confined in some Military prison some distance from the